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PRICE TWO CENTS

See In Amendment Clipping Power of Paying Commission, Return of \$160,000

Mayor at Once.

In its efforts to take from them their power to protect the taxpayers and citizens of Bridgeport, in the matter of paving contracts. The action of the or distinction in selecting the contract

The members of the paving and sew-commission are foremost citizens, active in the business and political all active in the business and point(a) life of the city. All serve without remuneration of any sort. The action of the common council last night was so reseated by several members of the board that they consulted together on a plan to have each member immediately tender his resignation to Mayor

That some action was not taken on this plan today was due to the fact that Col. Mr. H. Rogers, president of the board, in whose judgment the other members place the utmost confidence, was in Hartford today and could not be located by telephone. Col. Rogers left Bridgeport for the Capital cty on an early train, this morning.

remote deal is too well known to need repotition. Although members of the paving board were rather reticent to-day in discussing the action of the council, they intimated that in the charter amendment they saw the mandwriting on the wall which meant the countring on the wall which meant the countring on the council of the cough last year, because of the stand con by the paving, board, and be-use of the wave of adverse public

n located at the Allyn house, Hartrd, late this afternoon, by The Far-er's legislative correspondent, would t discuss the proposed charter condment, but intimated that he ald have something to say on the tier later on. Col. Rogers said he in Hartford on private business and his presence in the Capital city was not occasioned by the proposal to urtail the powers of his Bridgeport

James H. O'Rourke, a Depiocratic ember of the commission, would not const the amendment, nor confirm be rumor that he had been visited y another member of the board today the a proposition that all tender their ns. Mr. O'Rourke said that erning body in city affairs and chosen by the people, he did not think it be-came any other city official to criticise the doings of that body.

JUSTICE COURT GIVES GAFFNEY JUDGMENT AGAINST DELBRIDGE

Justice of the Peace Frank Munich today gave a verdict of \$58 and costs to John J. Gaffney, proprieor of the Progressive Printing Co., against Loren Delbridge, clerk of the pard of tax assessors. For several sars past Clerk Delbridge has had ed a pamphlet carrying with ments and containing much cerning the taxes of ideeport, the manner in which ey are collected, etc. These books distributed free to all who call the city hall on matters pertaining

the tax rate or to pay taxes. Clerk Delbridge it is claimed conwith Mr. Gaffney to print the oks for 1914. He delayed getting is copy in so long that Mr. Gaffney as unable to do the typesetting and B. Bishop who does the linetype work for the Sunday Herald set the Deloridge wanted Mr. Gaffney to do the press work. Again Mr. Gaffney was unable to do the work but he engaged Sherwood & Morgan to do the press work, guaranteeing the payment of the account, about \$138.

Mr. Delbridge did not pay and Mr. Gaffney had to foot the bill. Mr. sibridge paid him \$50 and then \$35 t the balance remained unpaid un-Mr. Gaffney brought suit a few mys ago. The suit against Mr. Delrige was brought and conducted by ludge of Probate Paul L. Miller per attorney for the Bridgeport Bus-Men's Association

The London Board of Trade enunced a plan for the shipment of erino wool to the United States by system of licenses.

FOURTEEN SHOT; FOUR MEN WILL DIE, AS THE RESULT OF BATTLE BETWEEN SHERIFFS AND STRIKERS

Hold-Up of Train In Hunt For Strike Breakers Precipitates Pitched Battle at Plant of Chemical Company-Only Office Help on Cars-Ties Halt Train's Progress.

Roosevelt, N. J., Jan. 19-Fourteen men were shot, four of them being mortally wounded, in a pitched battle between Warrenite Deal On Wings 250 striking laborers and 50 deputy sheriffs at the plant of the American Agricultural Chemical Company here today.

The fight occurred when the strikers held up a Central

Members of Commission Railroad of New Jersey train from Elizabethport, to see if it carried strikebreakers for the plant. There were no strikebreakers aboard but a few office employes who were pas-Sending Resignations to sengers started an outcry, apparently believing that the strikers intended them harm.

sheriffs, armed with rifles and revolutions of the paving and sewer vers, ran from the company's plant deputies without further incident. where they had been stationed for the District Superintendent Champion. of on of the Republican administration past two weeks, to the scene. A gen- the company, who is in charge of the

In answer to the call. 50 deputy It was said they probably would die

JUDGE OF COURT

on from putting over the \$160,000 War-note deal is too well known to need

Wilder's name will not be included banking commission. It is understood that several mem-

are unalterably opposed to Judge Wilder's name being pre-

diciary committee told a Farmer reporter today that he was not certain as to the legal point raised by the Bridgeport delegation, but added that he would look the matter up before the judiciary committee hearing, which is scheduled for tomorrow af-

Judge Wilder's term expires toofrow. There will be a vacancy in the deputy judgeship until his suc-

SHERWOOD LOSES TITLE TO WESTPORT **BEACH PROPERTY**

of beach along the Westport shore line. This action was a friendly one brought by Lillian Sherwood Newkark against her father, Aaron B. Sherwood. The latter owns Sherwood Island and also claimed ownership of the beach front. The town of Westport disputed Sherwood's title. Judge Burpee, who made an inspection of the premises after hearing the evidence, decided Sherwood did not own the property in question.

Carl Hanson Asks Divorce

Carl Hanson of this city has brought divorce proceedings against Kitty Hanson, formerly at this city but now of Helena, Mont. Desertion July 1, 1909. is alleged. The couple were married September 14, 1907. Mrs. Hanson's maiden name was Kitty Beckstein. The suit is returnable to the superior court, February term.

NORWEGIAN STEAMER ASHORE OFF COAST

OF MARYLAND Ocean City, Md., Jan. 19-The Norregian steamer Grib, from Boston for Newport News, Va., was today reported ashore 20 miles south of this place. No particulars were received but the position of the vessel is said to be not dangerous.

THE WEATHER.

Cloudy and much colder to-ght, Wednesday partly night, cloudy; fresh winds mostly southwest.

there were some question as to the private banking houses shall main-legality of such appointment. They tain a reserve fund of 15 per cent of Williams left on the 9:20 a. m., train held that judges cannot be appointed the aggregate deposits, four-fifths of Saturday for Waterbury, he says his xcept for a term of 2 years.

this amount to be in currency and brother was still in Bridgeport.

It is generally known that Judge one-fifth of bonds approved by the It is the theory now that W

it was thought that he would be giv-en the nomination for the unexpired tions, a bond of \$10,000 being the mediately went to Rowe's home and only surety to depositors.

ports of their financial status five at the Brickelmaier place in Cole-times annually, on demand of the brook, of which Pfaefflin was the banking commission.

Should a bank commissioner deem it necessary, the bill provides, in order to prevent the public from being the state's attorney.

Caretaker.

The arrangements completed, the two men are supposed to have taken the public from being the 4:10 p. m. train out of Poughthead at Winsted

The bill provides that private banks of the banking commission.

Representative Morehouse says he He cites the recent failure of the Burr & Knapp concern in Bridgefund has been required of private

THAW TRANSFER GRISWOLD, STRUCK

will be made to delay the transfer of Harry K. Thaw to the custody of the From Wife In Montana New York state authorities upon the arrival here of the necessary papers, leff and George F. Morris.

STOCK MARKET

Stocks opened with another burst of aged. He accused Friedman of negliactivity and generally higher prices gence. The but trading settled down before the ber 8, 1913. end of the first half hour. With such exceptions as Missouri Pacific, Lehigh Valley and "Soo," all of which rose a WRITER DEAD AT CA point or more gains were mostly frac-Bethlehem Steel declir point, probably in the belief that the directors will not declare a dividend on the stock at to-day's meeting. It soon made partial recovery. As us-ual of late a large part of the deal-ings were in the specialties with a good demand for coppers.

bia was defeated in the Senate by a vote of 40 to 8%

WILLIAMS' PAL CONFESSES TO CASE ROBBERY

Poughkeepsie Prisoner Denies Knowledge of Slaying of Hubert Case

ROBBERY WAS "SIX MILES FROM WINSTED"

This Is About the Distance of Store Where Crime Was Committed

Isaac N. Williams of this city, now waiting a hearing before Coroner Heman of Litchfield county for the murder of Hubert B. Case of Barkhamsted, has been involved in a con fession purporting to have been made another alleged accomplise, Harry Rowe, now awaiting sentence for burglary in Poughkeepsie.

Despatches from Poughkeepsie in dicate that Rowe has made a state-ment to representatives of the Conof paving contracts. The action of the common council, last night, if enacted into law and charter amendment by the legislature, will make the members of the paving and sower commission uppents and figureheads assigned to the strikers fell. Most of the surry out the drudgery of supervising the faithful execution of good paving bentracts by road builders, without the benefit of being able to exercise independent of being able to exercise in the selection of pavement to a hospital at Elizabeth of distinction in selecting the contract. store, upon Williams, maintaining that ne acted as a lookout while Williams

> According to the despatches from Poughkeepsie, when Williams came out of the store, nothing was said. out a murder; in fact Rowe says Williams made no mention of any rouble whatsoever, merely saying he

Rowe's confession followed the disapproval of an alibi advanced by him when first confronted with the mur-der. He said that he was working at Will Replace Judge Cough-lin Soon: But Wilder Is

Wishes to Prevent Failures

der. He said that he was working at
the Moline Plow Company on the
night of the murder, but when this
was shown false he admitted that he

to Be Frozen Out

This admission on the part of Rower commission contracting for many pavements except that laid on a particular of the city charter, inclinding and sewer commission in preventing for a pavement concrete base.

The attitude of the paving and sewer commission in preventing Mayor Williams at to the attitude of the paving and sewer commission in preventing Mayor Williams as to why depenty remise dead is too well be attitude of the paving and sewer commission in preventing Mayor Williams was in Bridgeport senators who were interviewed today as to why depenty banking institutions under the rigid supervision of the state banking institutions under the rigid supervision of the state banking institutions under the rigid and that he borrowed is supervision of the state banking and that he borrowed is a banking and the proposed at the murder. Such that th Representative Morehouse's bill in and when "Ike" returned to Bridge-When J. B.

> It is the theory now that Williams in the regular court nominations, but At present no reserve fund is reit was thought that he would be giv- quired of private banking institudid leave Bridgeport for Poughkeepsie The bill further provides that the robbery. Probably neither man that the two men there decided upon bers of the Republican machine in should the reserve fund in any private bank fall below 15 per cent of also believed that Williams got into the aggregate for a term of thirty communication with Pfaefflin by telalso believed that Williams got into days, no loans or discounts may be ephone, either from Fougskeepsle or from Winsted, and made arrange-iciary committee told a Farmer re-capital stock. All private banks will ments with him for Williams and be required to make exhaustive re- Howe to stay over night with him

two men are supposed to have taken defrauded, he or the state's attorney, for the county in which the bank is at 7:41 p. m. From Winsted to Barkfor the county in which the bank at 7:41 p. m. From whisten to located, may apply to a judge of the hamsted, by the Pleasant Valley road, superior court for the appointment of is about five miles, and by walking is about five miles, and by walking shall bear their share of the expenses of the banking commission. Barkhamsted and the Case store by five minutes to 9 at about which time the crime was committed. expects there will be considerable op-position to his measure from private believed that once in Winsted they hurriedly left the town and walking through Pleasant Valley arrived at the bridge just in time to be seen by port as a good argument in support William Cawl, the clerk in the store, of his bill. The fact that no reserve It was a particularly dark night and Cawl could not identify the men, but artillery on several different occasions knew they were strangers, one tall, silenced the batteries of the enemy. Judge Burpee of the superior court banks leaves for the depositors in the handed down a decision today in the Burr & Knapp bank practically the suit brought to decide title to a strip of beach along the Westport shore deposits.

Cawl could not identify the men, but silenced the batteries of the enemy one short. Williams is supposed to be the tall man. Passing Cawl the spirited engagement has been deposits. men are supposed to have hurried to veloped at La Bolsselle where, followthe Case store reaching there about ing the breaking out of several fires, boldon—The German' official state- city of food for both troops and the ment given out in Berlin today says: people. The temporary shelters pro-

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BY BUTCHER WAGON, IS AWARDED \$50

G. E. Griswold of this city, who was by his local attorneys, Morris Shurt- thrown from a bicycle in collision with exchanges. a butcher's wagon at Main and Atlanstreets , was awarded \$50 damages osts by Judge Scott in the compleas court today, Griswold ht suit against Samuel Friedman and costs by Judge Scott in the combrought suit against Samuel Friedman, owner of the wagon, for \$800. Griswold claimed he sustained a fractured rib and other injuries in the New York, Jan. 19 .- Opening .- accident and said his bloycle was darh-

WRITER, DEAD AT CAPITAL

The collision happened Octo-

Washington, Jan. 19.—Colonel county caucus, here at the Colonel Joyce, a well known writer, aged 81 years, died at his home here today.

He laid claim to being the author ing to be county commissioners:

John Brophy of Ridgefield, at pressure of the full term of "Love and Laughter," made famous by its first line, "Laugh and the world laughs with you, weep and you weep alone," but this was for many years contested.

In the laughter, which is the county commissioners:

John Brophy of Ridgefield, at present a commissioner for the full term of four years from October 1, 1915.

Frank E. Ballard, of Bridgeport for A reduction.

ALLIES STEEL THEMSELVES FOR FRESH GERMAN RUSH ON FRENCH LINE GUARDING PARIS

Kaiser's Troops Reported to Have Relaxed Activities But Allies Regard Lull As Only Temporary—Austrians Concentrate For Servian Assault.

London, Jan. 19—Though both the British and French press continue to discuss the probability of a fresh German attempt to break through the French line barring the way to Paris, the Germans so far have failed to follow up their success in the region of Soissons. The German troops are remaining more or less inactive beyond the river Aisne and the only activity shown in this vicinity in the last 24 hours has been the bombardment of St. Paul.

No one believes, however, that the fighting at Soissons is over. Both sides, apparently, are bringing up reinforcements, and some stiff encounters soon should develop.

The capture of several German field to an invasion. works on the east bank of the Meuse The new Austro-German offensive statement were taken by assault, is far but reports persist that Austrian about the only notable change in the forces are being concentrated on the vestern war theatre.

speak of in the eastern arena, barring in the meantime, are said to be pre-some Russian gains on the central Poland front and the reported crushing of the Turkish army which tried to make a stand at Kara-Urgan. The Russians claim to have obtained a good foothold in Transylvania but

As the Russian menace to Hungary

they have not yet invaded that coun-

restern war theatre. Servian frontier and that an offensive There also has been no change to movement is imminent. The Servians,

Won't Brook Change Of Vessel's Registry

Washington, Jan. 19-The British government will not consent to allow becomes more of a reality, reports that the steamer Dacia, recently transfer-flungary is seeking a separate peace are being revived in London. None of these reports can be confirmed, but they insist that Hungary is willing to make any sacrifice rather than submit today from London.

The Rissian menace to Hungary is divernment will not consent to glow they insist on staying rather than run the statement peace are being revived in London. The proceed to Rotterdam under the chance of being buried in the run the chance of being buried in the run they insist on staying rather than run they insist on s

SUMMARY OF TODAY'S WAR NEWS

A further advance in the effort to pierce the German line above St. Mihiel, near the eastern battle line in France is announced in the official communication to-day from Paris. It is said that another German field work in the forest of Le Petre was cap-tured and that 500 yards of the German trenches there have now been occupied.

At the same time, the alies are attempting to press forward to the northwest of St. Mihiel. These two movements, if successful, would either cut through the German line or compel the evacuation of St. Mihiel. The French have retaken posi-

tions at La Basselle captured by the Germans, according to today's Paris statement. The Ber-lin announcement says that no action of importance along the entire western front. The Russian attacks north of the Vistula river were repulsed with heavy losses, the Berlin statement asserts. Military men

in Petrograd are of the opinion that the Russian encircling move ment in both the north and south will compel the Germans to attempt to break through the War-saw front or, if successful, to retreat nearly to the German bor-The Germans have begun an-

other offensive movement, acday from Holland. It is said that the German heavy artillery went into action yesterday and that a

sion of Ypres. The British are moving in fresh troops to defend this town, around which occur-red some of the heaviest fighting of the war at the time the Ger-mans were attempting to force their way to the English chan-nel. The assault on Ypres, fol-lowing the victory of the Ger-man at Soissons and their attack at Albert, marks the third move-ment of the kind within a week

Petrograd despatches say that Russian forces are moving ra-pidly westward through Transylvania which forms the eastern portion of Hungary, adjoining Rumania. The Russians now have possession of a mountain pass which gives them easy access to Hungary, according to these advices, which state that these advices, which the Austro-Hungarians were not the Austro have been won recently by the Russians.

The plight of the Torkish army corps which gave battle to Russians near Kara-Urgan in the Petrograd reports as pitiable. Those who escaped alive from the battle are said to be fleeing toward Erzerum, but owing to capture by Russians of their food supplies are confronted with the alternative of starvation or surrender. It is stated that in one place 900 soldlers were found frozen and doubt is expressed that any of the Turks will be able to reach Erzerum

OFFICIAL REPORTS ON THE WAR

FRENCH

Paris, Jan. 19-The French war office this afternoon gave out an official

communication as follows: 'In Belgium there has been a snowstorm and also intermittent artillery exchanges at certain points. was also a fall of snow yesterday in the region of Arras, where our heavy January 17-18 to evacuate our posi-

has not renewed his attacks on this entire front. part of our front. "In the section of Soissons the bombardment of the suburb of St. Paul, during the night of Jan. 17-18 was not followed by any infantry attack and the date of Jan. 18 passed in absolute calmness."

"In the eastern theatre the weather was very unfavorable. At Radzanother town in the whole earthquakes of the Vistula river) the Russians were repulsed with heavy losses. Several theatre the weather was very unfavorable. At Radzanother town in the whole earthquakes been saved out of a population of 3, were repulsed with heavy losses. Several theatre the weather was very unfavorable. At Radzanother town in the whole earthquakes been saved out of a population of 3, were repulsed with heavy losses. Several theatre the weather was very unfavorable. At Radzanother town in the whole earthquakes been saved out of a population of 3, were repulsed with heavy losses. Several theatre the weather was very unfavorable. At Radzanother town in the whole earthquakes been saved out of a population of 3, were repulsed with heavy losses. Several theatre the weather was very unfavorable. At Radzanother town in the whole earthquakes been saved out of a population of 3, were repulsed with heavy losses. Several theatre the weather was very unfavorable. At Radzanother town in the whole earthquakes been saved out of a population of 3, were repulsed with heavy losses. Several theatre the weather was very unfavorable. At Radzanother town in the whole earthquakes been saved out of a population of 3, were repulsed with heavy losses. Several theatre the weather was very unfavorable. At Radzanother town in the whole earthquakes been saved out of a population of 3, were repulsed with heavy losses. Several theatre the weather was very unfavorable. At Radzanother town in the whole earthquakes was very unfavorable. At Radzanother town in the whole earthquakes was very unfavorable. At Radzanother town in the whole earthquakes was very unfavorable.

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son we, yesterday, occupied another field work of the enemy in the forest of Le Pretre, where we today occupy 500 vards of the trenches of the ene-

'In the Vosges vesterday there was a snowstorm and here also there has to the south in Decin, Benedetto Ban De Sapt and in the neighborhood of Thann."

GERMAN

Berlin, Jan. 19-By wireless

"In the eastern theatre the weather side, suffered probably more than any our hands.

CRAWFORD FOR

(Special to The Farmer.) Hartford, Jan. 19 .- The Fairfield 19.—Colonel county caucus, held at the Capitol the unexpired term and the full

Henry W. Crawford, of Greenwich for an unexpired term dating from his confirmation until October 1, 1917. The caucus was called to order at 2 o'clock by Representative Charles E. Williamson, of Darien, chairman. The nominations for the short term

commissioner to succeed Denis Mulvihill brought the following results: Henry T. Crawford, 23; Charles B. Hatch, of New Fairfield, 3; Samuel Lyons, of Norwalk, 7. Mr. Crawford was then chosen. To succeed Simeon Pease, both for

term, the ballot was: Frank E. Ballard, 28; Samuel Lyons, 6. For Commissioner Brophy's place the result was: Brophy 28; Hatch, 3;

A reduction of 'en points to 4.95c for Prohibition in the District of Columbia was defeated in the Senate by a statesmen of prominence. He was a notice of 40 to 38.

Contested.

During his long residence here Col.

Joyce made many friends among statesmen of prominence. He was a notice of 40 to 38.

A reduction of en points to 4.55c for the unexpired term of Simeon E. Pease from June 1, 1915 to October 1, nounced by the Federal Sugar Refining from October 1, 1915 to October 1, Co. in Philadelphia.

New Earthquake Visits Desolate Country and Inhabit. ants Refuse to Enter Buildings, Preferring Cold to Danger.

Demolition of Railroads Cuts Off Many Survivors From Those Eager to Bring Them Relief-Calabrians Are Panic Stricken

Rome, Jan. 19-An earthquake of great force has shaken all Calabria in the southwestern part of linky but loss of life.

The shock appears to have been severe in the neighborhood of Cosen a, provincial capital. Thousands of inhabitants fled to the open where they insist on staying rather than run

ing, apparently intact, the survivore of the catastrophe refuse to re-occupy their houses and are gathered in the open suffering terribly from exposure. As relief and rescue work goes for-ward it appears that some districts afflicted as that town with the per-centage of dead to the total popula-

tion almost as large.

The situation in the case of many towns and villages is more desperate because as yet adequate relief measures have not been taken and the number of persons working in the ruins is very small.

Ortucchio, southeast of Aversano, is reported as having at least 1,000 victims, fully half of whom have been found buried ain the ruins of the churches there. The town has been virtually razed. The same story comes from

towns in the vicinity from San Bene-detto with 4,900 of its 4,500 population dead; Celano, 2,500 feet up in the mountains, with 1,000 dead; Pa-terno with but 200 of its 2,000 perand more buried, and many other

Though many of these places are but a short distance from Avenuano the supposed crater of the ance and the consequent relief work they have been almost entirely insocessible because of blockades

Calabria is in the southwestern av tremity of Italy, commonly called the of the mainland kingdom, is a mountainous region and disastrous earthquakes have been frequent there. The entire population of Cosenza as well as the inhabitants of Paola, Amente, Castrovillari and Rossano left their houses when the earth shock occurred. Fortunately there were no casualties in these The people, however, cannot be induced to return to their dwell-

SUFFERING OF SURVIVORS ACUTE; LIVING ENTOMBED.

Tagliacozzo, Jan. 19.—Not less acute than the misery and suffering of the people of Avezzano is that of the inhabitants of the entire district been artillery fighting, particularly in Gloji-De-Marsi and other towns. The loss of life and damage to property in these places is equally as great but the needs of the sufferers have received far less attention.

Soldiers have arrived at several of these places to aid in the work of rescue but there is a lamentable scar-"In the western theatre except for vided also are inadequate to protect tions. These, however, we recaptured Jan. 18 at daybreak. The enemy artillery duels took place along the weather. Paterno, high up on the mountain-

"On the west of the Vistula river mass of ruins from which there is aleast of Soissons and in the section of the west of the visitia river ready perceptible the odor of dead Rheims there were yesterday artillery the situation generally remains, the same."

The valley of the Aisne, to the west of the visitia river ready perceptible the odor of dead being the structure of the west of the visitia river ready perceptible the odor of dead being the same." fallen buildings. Some, of the corpses which have been recovered lie on the ground at street corners.

Although the living persons are still being dug out of the ruins there are only 150 soldiers at Pescins to assist the survivors in rescue work. few surviving town officers complain bitterly of the government's neglect. They say no bread has been obtainable since Saturday and that the people and soldiers have had nothing to

eat but vegetables.

The condition of the surviving population of the town of San Benedetto, near Pescina, is deplorable. Over 4,000 of the inhabitants perished out of a total population of 4,500. volunteers from the nearby districts have been engaged in the rescue work. They took out 10 living children from among the debris Sunday and today they found a young woman and five

months old child. No outside help of any kind reached San Benedetto until Sunday, although Pescina is only three miles away. The

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